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Scheduling class closings handled with on-line system

■ Student computer advising system allows students to access records via computer.

By **DARIN CRONE**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Long lines, closed classes and a lot of frustration usually accompany registration.

A new kind of computer software, however, will assist in making all phases of registration easier, said Pamela Roberts, degree audit systems manager.

For advisers, the system will allow them to better help students during advising sessions, said Roberts. For students, it will allow them to access their school records via computer.

Purchased from Miami (Ohio) University, the Student Computer Advisory System is in various stages of implementation on campus.

"It's an exciting project," said Roberts.

"The system will represent a major change in how academic units do their job," she added.

In the past, in order to find out what courses students needed to complete a degree, advisers would have to do a lot more work, said Roberts.

"With the student computer advising system, advisers will be able to project the courses needed for a degree in any school in a matter of seconds," she said.

Martel Kiestler, manager of student services in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), said it makes student advising easier.

"We don't have to look up their files," said Kiestler. "With the technology, we can push a button and the students' records come up on the screen."

"The system is current, so we know exactly what the student has done and what the student needs to complete a degree," she added.

SPEA has had the system in place since March.

While the student advisory computer system makes advisers jobs easier, students can access their records from a computer on campus or from a home computer.

Once in the system, students can audit their school records, match their degree requirements with classes already taken, predict what will happen if they enter a different school and find out if classes are closed before registering.

"With the system, students can do everything through the computer but register," said Roberts. "Eventually they will be able to register also using the computer."

Students interested in finding out when their school will have the system in place should contact their academic school.

University Hospital's latest renovation plans have drawn fire from campus environmentalists



(Above) An anonymous vandal left a message at the construction sight at the old main entrance to University Hospital on Michigan St. last week.

(Left) Craig McKinney, assistant director of Campus Facilities checks the progress of a young locust tree. Newly transplanted trees stay wired in place until they have firmly taken root. This tree stanced at the intersection of Michigan St. and Barnhill Dr., where disease killed the previous trees last year.

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AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

By **AMY MAY**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Kevin Greve, a photographer and senior majoring in telecommunications, saw the damage at the corner of Michigan St. and University Blvd. and wanted to take a picture of it.

"Bush okay's Washington deforestation will have been the caption for the picture of the cut-down trees that stand where the new Adult Care Center is.

But some people do not see the irony of the situation. An anonymous person scrawled the message "Tree Murder" on the plywood sidewalk guard surrounding the construction site. This protest could have resulted in vandalism charges had the person been caught.

Craig McKinney, assistant director of Campus Facilities, does not see the irony of the situation, either.

"Just because a tree has green leaves, it doesn't mean it is a valuable tree," he said.

"Trees, like people, get diseases and die. They have to be cut down before they cause damage," he added.

The trees that were removed from the new

hospital site were cut down by the construction company contracted to renovate the hospital, not by the university. The locust trees were in the way of progress. IUPUI and Campus Facilities are not responsible for the landscaping of the area. IU-Bloomington has hired a private company to do it. The trees that were there before, however, belong to IUPUI.

"They would have just plowed them over. I saw the opportunity to save some of them," said McKinney.

The grounds crew of Campus Facilities transplanted all of the trees they could at about \$300 per tree. At a nursery, the trees would have cost about \$300, not including the planting.

Three of the trees went to the corner of Barnhill Dr. and Michigan St. where diseased trees had to be removed last year.

McKinney said a tree might look healthy, but it can actually be suffering from a disease or parasite, which could cause a dangerous situation

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Library gives paper a second chance at life

■ Recycling effort at Medical Research and Library Building gets rid of accumulated paper.

By **DARIN CRONE**
Sagamore Staff Writer

President Bush will travel to Rio de Janeiro this week to take part in the environmental summit along with leaders from nearly every political faction in the world.

While he signs pacts on an international scale to reduce environmental hazards, workers at the Medical Research and Library Building (MRLB) took it upon themselves to make an effort a little closer to home.

They began recycling paper a year ago.

"Because of what we do at the MRLB, we collect a lot of paper," said Cheryl Halter, who works in the MRLB. "We took it upon ourselves to come up with some kind of recycling program."

Halter contacted a local vendor to haul away the paper once it was collected. A method was needed, however, to collect the paper that was within fire code guidelines.

"We had a lot of problems when we began recycling because the waste cans we were using were not approved by the fire inspector," Halter said.

Halter contacted Campus Facility Services to see if they could help.

Campus Facility Services responded. They provided twelve yellow waste cans, called "slim jims," which were

placed throughout the MRLB.

"We wanted to make it as easy as possible so people would use the slim jims," said Halter.

When the slim jims are full, Campus Facility Services empties them into a dumpster on the loading dock behind the MRLB. The dumpster is then emptied by a local vendor.

"There is a lot of interest in recycling," said Halter.

Money collected from the recycled paper is directed back into recycling efforts on campus.

Because the program has been a success at the MRLB, plans are being formulated to begin paper recycling on a campus-wide basis.

"Administrators asked us to come up with a program outlining how to best recycle and the costs involved," said Richard Strong, manager of the IUPUI Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

Strong added that they are working on preliminary designs, but nothing is concrete.

Some departments on campus said they would recycle if it were made available to them.

"Right now we have a stack of paper we are holding, waiting for some way to recycle it," said Sharon Fricke, a secretary in the Department of Chemistry.

"We would be willing to recycle it if there was a container to put it in," she added.

"People are becoming more environmentally sound," said Halter.

Operator enjoys her job's little hang-ups

■ Senior Nancy Petersen is one of 10 campus operators connecting people and places.

By **AMY WEIDNER**

Some things seem so simple. Having a job answering the telephone for eight hours a day might fall into this category.

However, the 10 telephone operators on campus might be called on to deal with a number of situations—anything from patients who need their medication to impatient students who can't get through to anything but an answering machine.

Senior Nancy Petersen is one of those operators in the Office of Integrated Technologies, located in the basement of the Education/Social Work building.

"It can be stressful, especially during the day when the operators

get about 75 phone calls an hour. It doesn't make it any easier when people get irate with you for not being able to give them exactly what they want. Sometimes I think people don't realize all we do, so they don't appreciate us," said Petersen, a secondary education major.

Some of these little-known duties

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include connecting thousands of people a day to departments on campus or at the IU Medical Center, helping callers seek medical help, activating the Code-99 system for emergency health care, being responsible for the fire alarm system and sometimes even providing a willing ear to someone who needs to talk.

The operators connect thousands

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Nursing, Allied Health students receive scholarships from Cheer Guild

■ With awards totaling \$11,300, the Cheer Guild of Indiana University Hospitals contributes scholarships to help 28 students reach education goals.

By **TAMMY DEAN**

With the growing need for financial assistance in college, one organization on campus is making it a little easier for some students to get a degree.

The Cheer Guild of Indiana University Hospitals, Inc., an independent, not-for-profit service organization, has donated money for educational scholarships amounting in a total of \$22,000 for the 1991-92 school year.

The Cheer Guild provides volunteer services for financial assistance to Indiana University hospitals, patients, families, students in the health fields, and the community, as well as providing scholarships.

"The scholarship committee members felt

very blessed to touch the lives of these hard-working and conscientious students in the nursing and allied health fields who applied for financial assistance with their educational expenses," said Becky Morrison, First Vice-President of the Cheer Guild.

Through many interviews, the organization has chosen the recipients for the Fall 1992 Cheer Guild Scholarships.

"With three days of interviews, placing greatest emphasis on scholarships and financial need, we were able to choose 28 students as recipients," said Morrison.

Awards from \$250 to \$800, totaling \$11,300 will be deposited into the student's tuition accounts at the Office of the Bursar next month to assist students with their expenses.

"We knew the budget for the fall semester would allow approximately \$11,000 for awards," said Morrison.

"Choosing those recipients was a little harder. There were 35 applicants and one would receive the top award of \$800, the Porter Award, named after the founder," added Morrison.

The founder, Mrs. Andrew J. Porter, began the Guild in 1924.

This fall's recipient of the Porter Award went to a 2-year nursing student, Patricia L. Kane.

"I am single, and supporting myself with my own income; without scholarships and grants, I would not have the money to go to school," said Patricia Kane, Porter Award winner.

"Without the Cheer Guild, I don't know what I would have done," Kane said.

There are lots of scholarships available and the Porter Award is given to the student with the scholastic ability and financial need that

is one step above the others in numbers, added Morrison.

Choosing students for the scholarships can be a tough decision, Morrison said.

"There are so many worthy students that it is very hard to make decisions, but to do the best we can," said Morrison.

Many of the recipients understand the desire of commitment to education and how that desire can reward them in return.

"I think the Cheer Guild also looks at how our life corresponds with goals of the organization and how committed we are to our goals," said David Tatlock, physical therapy recipient of \$500.

The idea of helping out those in need is the Cheer Guild's motto, added Tatlock.

Among granting scholarships to IUPUI students in the health care field, the Cheer Guild provides many additional services to the community.

"We maintain the Riley Hospital toyroom

by providing toys for the children and we provide financial assistance to Child Psychiatry Services so that those people can devote a little more to the children," said Morrison.

The Cheer Guild's mission is to provide assistance to the health care community as much as possible.

Based on a completely voluntary program, the Cheer Guild raises financial support from other chapters, membership dues, individual and organization donors, various gift sales, taking newborn pictures, the Christmas Boutique and the University Gift Shops.

"Our biggest profit comes from the gift shops," said Morrison.

"But without the effort of all the generous volunteers to keep all the programs going, we wouldn't have a Guild," added Morrison. "It is truly amazing and wonderful how many people in the Cheer Guild give their time, voluntarily, to help people like me," said Kane.

Fun in the sun Geology students study natural Florida environment

Geology club offers opportunity for students to get firsthand look at plants, animals native to the South.

By TOM FREEBAIRN

From all outward appearances they were engaged in the wanton festivities of spring break: students touring the Everglades and swimming and snorkeling on the reefs off southern Florida.

But in reality, the group of 10 IUPUI students was taking part in the annual Geology 420 field trip.

G420 has been a summertime staple of the Department of Geology since its inception in 1967, said Dr. Arthur Minsky, chairman. The course, an elective, consists of an approximately one week field trip to study various geological processes during the first summer session.

Over the years, G420 has gone to the Rocky, Adirondack, and Ozark mountains, as well as the Grand Canyon and Lake Superior.

"We go to give the students a variety of field settings to look at," Minsky said.

This year's group of students went from May 6-13 to study the coast of southern Florida.

Led by Lenore Tedesco, assistant geology professor, the group studied Floridian environments that are nearly identical to the ones that were present before hundreds of millions of years ago, when our own Hootier limestones were being formed.

"The trip was designed to show geology majors the modern environments where sediments are forming," Tedesco said.

The trip took Tedesco back to familiar territory. She received her doctorate from the University of Miami in 1991. Her familiarity with the university allowed Tedesco to recruit one of her former professors, Dr. Hal Wanless, as a guest lecturer and boat driver.

With the guidance of their two experts, the students

began studying the shores and swamps of south Florida. They toured the Everglades and boated for two days in Biscayne National Park and one day off Key Largo. They also explored Largo Windy and Long Keys.

There were times of both wonder and fear for the students. "I saw a lot of animals I'd never seen before in their natural habitat," said Jim Williams, a senior general education major. "That was really cool." Some of the fauna they saw included corals, sponges, starfish and Manta rays.

There were also some less benign inhabitants of the reef.

"All of a sudden we looked up and two little black-tipped sharks were coming after us," Williams said. "They scared the hell out of me."

"I bet Jim didn't tell you how he was hiding behind me," Tedesco said.

Both Minsky and Tedesco said G420 was intended for geology majors but that anyone is welcome to come along. These majors went on this year's trip. They also recommended that non-majors have some geology courses under their belt so they will have some understanding of what is being studied.

Williams, who has taken a number of introductory geology courses, agreed.

"A lot of it got too technical for me," he said. "They started getting to advanced geology and they started using real big words. I thought to myself, 'it's about time to wander off for a while.'"

Each student was required to write a paper at the end of the field trip. The geology majors did theirs on geological topics, while the non-majors were asked to address environmental subjects, Tedesco said.

Minsky and Tedesco both said the course was intended to give the students a broad overview of a specific area or geological process. If Williams self-assessment is any indication, this year's trip fulfilled the department's expectations.

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Everglades they have signs that tell you about stuff, but when you go with geologists you get a whole different perspective," Williams said.

"You appreciate things more. When you see things in the aquarium or at the zoo, it's a whole different story compared to actually being out in the middle of nowhere seeing them. I know the importance of coral reefs. I know the importance of geology. I think the main thing I learned down there was an appreciation of nature and of how things work geologically. There is more to geology than I thought."

While the pursuit of knowledge was rigorous, it was not without the occasional break. "We drove down to Key West one night to check out the culture," Tedesco said with a laugh.

The group also spent one Sunday lying on a beach instead of studying it.

Next year's G420 is tentatively set for the Grand Canyon under Dr. Gary Rosenberg, associate geology professor. Students often carpool and camp out to keep the cost of a G420 field trip

down. Minsky said. This year's trip cost approximately \$500, but the price varies for each trip. Students interested in next year's G420 should contact the geology department in ES120 or call (317) 274-7484.

so that lumber people won't cut the trees down. All the stuff they have done to save them winds up killing the trees anyway.

"We don't cut down trees for fun, there is always a reason to do it."

If students are concerned about the environment, they should take better care of it, he said. Littering and cigarette butts are as much of an eyesore as treeless areas. McKinney has seen instances where people have dumped their ashtrays and cleaned out their cars in the parking lots.

"The level of some people's concern is not equally proportioned over their lifestyles," he said.

Trees

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to people passing below the tree.

"A large branch almost fell on a guy cutting the grass just last week. It barely missed him. If it had landed on him, it would have killed him," he added.

Trees can suffer from a variety of ailments such as viruses, fungi, insect infestation or blights. Even though the tree looks healthy to the average person, a horticulturist can recognize the symptoms. The tree has to be cut

down before it falls down and does damage or injury, especially in an urban environment.

"I like trees. I went to Purdue. I am a graduate landscape architect, with my bachelor's in horticulture, and I know that trees are necessary part of our environment. They create oxygen from carbon monoxide; they reduce dust and help the soil. They also make economic sense because if they are next to buildings, they reduce heating and cooling costs," said McKinney.

"But trees, in some respect, are also a replaceable commodity. For example, if your car has 150,000 miles on it, you don't save it and try to

fix it, you get another one. This is also the case with trees," he added.

McKinney doesn't agree that Campus Services is murdering trees.

"It seems like we are going through a real swing in public opinion where people think animal, plant and tree rights come before human rights.

There are people in these groups like Greenpeace who believe that trees and animals are more important than people. President Bush is giving millions of dollars to save the trees, and we have people starving to death in downtown Indianapolis. Things just get out of perspective sometimes.

"Those groups drive nails into trees

Phone

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of people every day to a department on campus or in the IUMC, said Dixie Clayton, manager of Central Attendance, the office in Integrated Technologies, where the operators work.

Problems often develop when the operator gives the caller the extension he or she wants and the caller reaches only a voice-mail system instead of a human being, said Peterson.

"We got a list of irritated students who call us and say 'I want a live person—connect me to someone,' but if all of a department's phone numbers are connected to voice mail, there's nothing else we can do," said Peterson.

Many times callers will want to be connected with a non-campus number.

"They think we have a lot of outside information. Some students want us to connect them to the IU-Bloomington campus. That's a toll call," she said.

One of the more important functions of the operators is helping someone seek medical attention during an emergency.

In these situations, they may activate the Code-99 emergency system, in which all of the necessary health care workers for a hospitalized patient are summoned at once by calling that group's pager number.

There are two groups of workers involved in Code-99, one at University Hospital and one at Riley Hospital, who will answer the operator's page.

Because doctors often need to be

paged for non-emergency situations, operators must have up-to-date information about where doctors are going to be and when.

"If the doctor on call calls us and says he's switching shifts with another doctor, we have to know how to go into the computer and change that information," she said.

At other times, patients ask the operators medical questions they can't possibly answer, she said.

"Sometimes patients call us with questions about their medications," said Peterson.

"We just have to tell them we don't have the background to answer those kinds of questions and get them to patient referral."

Although her job is stressful and frustrating at times, Peterson said, it does have its rewarding moments.

One such moment happened to her

when an exhausted man from southern Indiana called her in desperate need of help for his suicidal teenage daughter, who had come down with a severe case of liver.

Her father called Peterson to see if she could connect him with the psychiatrist his daughter's doctor had recommended to help her with her condition.

"I could tell by his voice that he was at his wit's end, and I wanted to help him. I was afraid his daughter was going to do something drastic and he was exhausted," said Peterson.

Although all efforts to get in touch with the intended doctor failed, Peterson was able to get through to a nurse at LaRee Carter Hospital. She stayed on the line until she was sure the gentleman was going to get the

help he needed.

The operators are also responsible for the fire alarm system. If they are notified of a fire, they will contact the Indianapolis Fire Department and the Police.

Sometimes people just want to talk to someone, so they call the information line at 274-5555, said Peterson.

"One time, a gentleman called me at 2 a.m. and told me he was having trouble getting to sleep because he was nervous about a (medical) test he was having done the next day," she said.

"I could tell he was nervous. He just needed someone to listen to him," she added.

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Nancy Petersen Senior, Campus Operator

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Living in a world of racial inequality

Student voices concern about racial indifferences and inequality

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The Earth; home sweet home?

Industrialized nations need to commit themselves now, or pay the price later

With acid rain, global warming and deforestation, we have a lot more to fret than just lions, tigers and bears. We have to agree with Dorothy - it just doesn't look like Kansas anymore, even on the IUPUI campus.

Environmental preservation is a concept that requires the efforts of everyone. Ultimately, this concept will only be successful if everyone demonstrates commitment by recycling and conservation. This has led *The Sagamore* to question IUPUI's commitment to environmental preservation.

This campus has failed to establish any type of recycling program. Richard Strong, manager of the IUPUI Department of Environmental Health and Safety, indicated that there has been discussion about implementing a recycling program, but one has not been fully developed.

The Sagamore cannot understand the delay in the development of such a program. Recycling is an innovative method of environmental conservation that has been practiced for years. Residents of Florida are even required by state law to recycle.

Staff members of the Medical Research and Library began recycling paper a year ago. In addition, students at the International House, located on the second floor of Warthin Apartments, have demonstrated their commitment to the environment with their program, "Project Recycle."

Isn't it time for a campus-wide recycling campaign?

Leaders from more than 180 nations gathered this week for one of the largest Earth Summits ever. The agenda for the conference is commendable, but whether or not the summit will produce any successful outcomes is questionable because of the lack of commitment from individuals. The truth is that Earth is the only home we have and we share it with five billion other people.

Environmentalists have already warned about the trends that will result from procrastination. We must commit ourselves now, or pay the price later.

Jesse Jackson presented a viable analogy comparing the social struggle of African Americans to two competing athletes running a race. In his comparison, one runner wore ankle weights and the other did not; as a result, the runner without the weights won the race with a sizable lead even after the bound runner was released from his restraints at some point in the competition. Without a doubt, the race between the two runners was unfair despite the fact that the disadvantaged runner was allowed to remove his weights. At that point, the advantaged runner had created such a lead that it would have been impossible for the bound runner to effectively compete without the positive assistance of some outside force. Thus, the purpose of affirmative action is assisting African Americans to overcome the restricting pressures prejudice has manifested, while, simultaneously decreasing the gap between the "majority" and the "minority," as far as economic opportunity is concerned.

However, prejudice is not the lone oppressor of social equality for African Americans (minorities). At times it seems as though some minorities pay no heed to the facilitative intentions of affirmative action and certain other assistance programs designed to enable the oppressed to overcome the obstacles blocking equal economic gain. In the end, unfortunately, many minorities become an enemy to themselves; in doing so, they create a more difficult situation and subsequently point their fingers at the system of government, without facing their own ignorance and taking advantage of the assistance programs that are low in supply, but do exist.

Take a minute to recall the streak of violence that erupted in Los Angeles spurred by the Rodney King verdict. There were swarms of inner-city minorities terrorizing their own communities, which left 51 dead and created more than 800

million worth of damage to homes and businesses. Common belief is that the purpose of the violence was to protest the less than impressive hearing and verdict that found four white Los Angeles Police Department officers not guilty of the brutal beating of Rodney King. Realistically, however, it was more of an opportunist field day — lawless, impoverished minorities (and their white counterparts) looting, killing and burning their city in response to an unfortunate situation.

Again, one finds minorities handling their desperation through violence — fueled by 81 percent seconds of videotape. Once again, visible minority-haters and their latent constituents have the opportunity to point their fingers at the lawless and say, "I told you so." Meanwhile, the gap between the "superior" and the "inferior" seems to get larger.

There are those who say the violence was necessary in order for the government to realize the injustices in the judicial system and, more importantly, in police departments (which have greater contact with the public) across the country. If not for the Los Angeles violence, who would have known that the New Orleans Police Department ranked No. 1 in annual police brutality reports in the nation and Los Angeles' County Sheriff's Office ranked No. 2? Who would have known that a Senate panel would defy President Bush and add \$1.5 billion for summer jobs and school programs in major cities to an emergency aid package for Los Angeles?

It never would have happened. The \$600 million worth of loans granted to non-white Los Angeles never would have existed. It is a shame that instead of communicating intelligently to express their discontent, many minorities have to slaughter one another before a reasonable measure of light is spotlighted onto their circumstance.

In a very provocative column, titled "LA violence has revealed politicians' true colors," Dan Carpenter of the *The*

Indianapolis Star stated that the inner-city violence not only told the jury in the Rodney King case that violence can work both ways, but it also revealed a government that could not see the blazing reality in the angry fires for its white constituents that were obstructing the view.

Carpenter's account of the Los Angeles situation makes good sense when you consider that politicians have just recently centered their attention on the welfare of the inner-city peoples as a result of the King verdict and the imminent elections, which prompts one to question the sincerity of President Bush and Dan Quayle as they infiltrate impoverished communities and explain to those peoples that family integrity should not be compromised.

But listening to the Ivy League ideologies of election-hungry politicians is not going to rectify the soiled spirit of the inner-city peoples and the violent nature of some of their members. What our nation must comprehend is that poverty is inherited, it is a never-ending cycle that can be broken under extraordinary circumstances — circumstances that can only be brought about by financial assistance from a government that is already cutting assistance to social programs that have produced positive results when the money was available.

But with government assistance directed toward tangents of less significance, such as foreign aid, the minorities of Los Angeles and other cities across the country must contend (for now) with the poverty that encompasses their decrepit communities and the misdirected violence that plagues them; for this race (the perpetual battle of equality that exists before a backdrop of confusion), unlike Jesse Jackson's, is not yet over.

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Media influenced abortion opinion

Faculty member claims that the media distort society's perception of abortion

Having taught political science for several years, I have developed a deep interest in media coverage of American politics. It is truly fascinating (and frightening) the impact media coverage can have on the fate of candidates and issues. Unfortunately, coverage doesn't always honestly reflect reality but is often shaped and distorted to advance the political views of those who report the news.

This is probably no more true than on the abortion issue. Surveys of journalists reveal that approximately 90 percent of journalists believe that a woman should have an absolute right to an abortion for any reason—the "abortion on demand" position of the Democratic Party. Do the views of these journalists necessarily lead to slanted coverage of the issue? Most certainly the answer is yes.

Following the recent primaries in California, several networks asked the following exit poll question, "Should abortion remain legal?" When only one-fourth of the Republican voters in the primary answered "no" to the question, the coverage was that the Republican

Party's platform on abortion was out of step with Republican voters who actually supported the abortion on demand position of the Democratic party.

But wait. The Republican Party platform, in fact, does say abortion should remain legal under certain circumstances such as rape, incest or threat to the life of the mother. But the voter who is asked the exit question is not given the opportunity to say "no" to abortion on demand but also say "yes" that abortion should remain legal under circumstances such as those mentioned in the Republican platform—circumstances which account for a very small percentage of the 1.6 million abortions performed in this country every year. That position is, in fact, the response that receives a wide majority of support in most polls, polls that also show that most Americans do not support the position of the legal right to abortion on demand.

While the media give front-page coverage to Republican dissemination on the abortion issue, Democrats are portrayed as united on the issue. Not true. On abortion votes in the U.S. House of Representatives, close to one-third of the Democrats cross over to vote "pro-life," a much higher percentage than the

number of Republicans who vote in support of abortion rights. In fact, just a few years ago, over 60 Democratic members of the House signed a letter to Democratic Party National Chairman Ron Brown, asking that the party's position on abortion be changed. The media ignored it.

The media use their power to focus on certain events (and ignore others) in order to propagate the accepted journalistic dictum that the abortion issue hurts "pro-life" candidates. For example, the defeat in 1989 of Republican "pro-life" gubernatorial candidates for governor in Virginia and New Jersey are continually trumpeted by journalists as proof that the abortion issue hurts Republican "pro-life" candidates.

But wait. What about "pro-life" Republican gubernatorial candidates who have since defeated "pro-choice" Democrats in Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Mississippi? What about "pro-life" Democratic gubernatorial candidates elected in Kansas and Pennsylvania? What will the media say about Democrat Sen. Richard Shelby, an opponent of abortion rights and supporter of Clarence Thomas, who on Tuesday defeated a "pro-choice"

rival? Or what about Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, a "pro-life" Democrat congresswoman from Ohio, who won over "pro-choice" rivals? Or what about the California Senate race, where conservative commentator and abortion opponent Bruce Herschensohn defeated Rep. Tom Campbell, who had emphasized that he supported abortion rights while his opponent opposed them?

In Herschensohn's case, the media just ignored him. The Democratic nominees to the two open California Senate seats, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, received front-page newspaper and television coverage across the country. Herschensohn's victory, a stunning upset for the conservative wing of the California GOP, wasn't covered by the network morning shows and didn't merit a mention in *The Indianapolis News*.

Biased coverage of local politics is also evident. While reading the state legislative results in Marion County, an anchor for Channel 13 reported that in one Republican primary contest, "pro-choice John Keeler" defeated "pro-life Don Nelson." When reading the results in which "pro-life" candidates had defeated "pro-choice" opponents, the reporter rather conveniently

failed to report the candidates' respective stands on abortion rights.

The message from the national and local media is clear: "pro-choice" candidates win because of their position on abortion; "pro-life" candidates win despite their position on abortion. Forget 1988 exit polls which showed that, of the voters who based their vote for president at least partially on the candidate's stand on the abortion issue, 57 percent voted for "pro-life" Bush, while 43 percent voted for "pro-choice" Dukakis.

Defenders of the media claim that journalists simply reflect events in the political arena, like a mirror reflects the image of what is placed before it. But mirrors don't have the capacity to choose which objects are reflected or select which objects will appear larger. As the eyes and ears of the American public, journalists have that power through their ability to select which campaigns, issues, election results, etc. to ignore and which to emphasize. It is essential that they have that power in a free country. It is also essential that they exercise that awesome power responsibly and fairly.

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KELLEY MOORE
Graduate Student Education



"No, I don't think that they are because they are allocating more for other needs that may be less important, i.e. defense."

JAMIE MELTZER
Sophomore Honors Art



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Golfers chip, drive and putt for Metros

■ The IUPUI Metro Athletic Club tournament helped raise funds for IUPUI athletics.

By PATRICE HARTMANN
Sagamore Staff Writer

Joe Ramirez, IUPUI tennis coach, is known for his tennis prowess. But after last week, he just may be gaining some fame for his golf-playing abilities.

Although he didn't take up the game until one month ago, Ramirez managed to sink a difficult putt at the Metro Athletic Club Golf Tournament last Wednesday. The twelfth annual event, a fundraiser for IUPUI athletics, took place at the Golf Club of Indiana.

"I wasn't driving too well, but I sunk a few tough putts," Ramirez said. "This is the first time I've played this game competitively."

"Tennis is more my game," he added. Gerald Bepko, IUPUI chancellor, was quick to point out the accomplishment of the soft-spoken Ramirez. "I heard you sunk a thirty-foot putt," Bepko called out to the tennis coach, who was taking a break.

Refusing to gloat, Ramirez chalked it up to luck.

Although the setting that day appeared to be one of easy conviviality, some serious fundraising was going on behind the scenes.

The event is one of the major sources of funding for the Metro Athletic Club, said Mike Carroll, Vice President for Community Development for Lilly Endowment Inc. Carroll is the president of the Metro Athletic Club.

The Athletic Club, which is affiliated with the IU Foundation, contributes scholarship money to IUPUI student athletes.

For \$800 a foursome or \$200 per individual, golfers had the opportunity to play on the same course that Greg Norman, a professional golf player known as "the Shark," had played on only the day before.

Dan DeMars, president of the national DeMars Inc., said that the general recession initially appeared to affect participation in the tournament, as only 20 groups had signed up as of a few weeks before the event.

In the end, the turnout exceeded the planning committee's expectations, said DeMars, co-sponsor of the tournament. "Up until two weeks ago, we thought it might fall through," he said. "But this was far and away the biggest turnout we have ever had."

Fourteen new companies joined the tournament this year, he added. After the tournament, Bob Lovell, IUPUI basketball coach and athletic director, deemed the event a financial success.

"In terms of the dollar amount raised, in preliminary figures we're looking at about \$19,000 to \$30,000," he said. Lovell said many corporate sponsors in attendance expressed interest in IUPUI athletics.

"I think people left there with a great feeling about our University and our athletic program," he said.

"In light of the current economic situation, the high number of participants was encouraging," Lovell added.

The tournament was a nice balance of fun and serious golf, added Carroll



(above) Gerald Bepko, IUPUI chancellor, drives toward the first hole in the IUPUI Metro Athletic Club golf tournament.



(left) Dirk Chickadzantz, an IU graduate, practices his golf game at the driving range at the Golf Club of Indiana. Pictured in the background is the clubhouse of the Golf Club, which was established in 1978.

Sagamore photos/PATRICE HARTMANN

Sports Briefs

Compiled by Patrice Hartmann

White River Park State Games entry deadline June 10.

There are still a couple of days to get in on the action of one of Indiana's largest multi-sport festivals. Until June 10, White River Park State Games entries will be accepted for all 20 sports, except bowling. Bowling competition was completed April 30.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the State Games. The Games will hold competition in basketball, cycling, diving, figure skating, 5-mile run/3-mile walk, golf, gymnastics, judo, racquetball, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, and several other sports.

Regional competition will take place the weekend of June 26-28. Entry handbooks are available at all Marsh Supermarkets and at Hoosier Lottery regional offices. Entry handbooks are also available by calling 1-800-HI-FIVES.

U.S. Olympic Diving Trials set for June 17-21

At the Natatorium, more than 40 of America's best divers, including three members of the 1988 U.S. Olympic Team, will vie for one of eight positions on the 1992 U.S. Olympic Diving Team.

The top eight finishers will move on to the XXVth Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, from July 26 through Aug. 4 (diving dates).

Divers, including former IU diver Mark Lenzi, will perform a full list of dives (required and optional) in the diving trials. The top 12 advance to the finals where they again perform a full list of dives. The top two in each event, based on combined qualification and final scores, will be named to the Olympic Team.

Tickets are available by calling the IU Natatorium ticket office at 274-6787. Finals tickets are \$12 and \$7. All qualification tickets are \$5.

Mazda Indy games coming to IU Track & Field Stadium

Olympic medalist Carl Lewis and many other track stars will compete this Wednesday in the Mazda Indy Games at the IU Track and Field Stadium.

The Games will be the final international track and field meet to take place in the United States before the Olympics.

The event is sanctioned and endorsed by The Athletics Congress/USA, the national government body for track and field.

Indiana Sports Corporation and International Management Group will host the event in Indianapolis each summer for the next three years. The games makes their debut this year.

Events begin at 7:30 p.m. with men's 110M hurdles, and conclude at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$12.50 and \$8 from Ticketmaster by walk-up, or by telephone at 239-5151.

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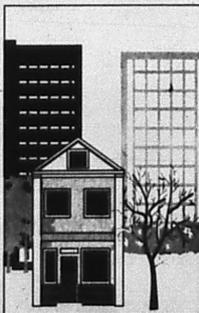
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Perspectives

Queen classic experiences rebirth

■ A Queen classic, "Bohemian Rhapsody," gets a 'schwung' in the recent film "Wayne's World."

By PENNY LANE ZIELINSKI
Sagamore Staff Writer

Mama, just killed a man/put a gun against his head/pulled my trigger now he's dead/Mama, life had just begun/but now I've gone and thrown it all away/Mama, didn't mean to make you cry/If I'm not back again this time tomorrow/carry on, carry on 'cause it doesn't really matter.

Freddie Mercury
Lead singer of Queen
"Bohemian Rhapsody"
December 1975

The face of rock 'n' roll has never been the same since Queen released "Bohemian Rhapsody" in 1975. Queen took the basics of rock 'n' roll and mixed in theater and studio wizardry to create a true art form.

Although "Bohemian Rhapsody" only made it to number nine in the United States in 1975, it skyrocketed in Britain, topping the charts for nine weeks. This left Queen in a four-way tie for the second longest-running British single of the rock era.

Now, with the box office smash "Wayne's World," a younger generation has been introduced to the sounds of Queen.

"Bohemian Rhapsody" was written into the script for "Wayne's World" with the purpose of becoming a title sequence, but, like many things in show business, changes took place.

Penelope Spheeris, director of "Wayne's World," spoke of the scene where Wayne Campbell (Mike Myers) and Garth Algar (Dana Carvey) are driving around Aurora, Ill., headbanging to "Bohemian Rhapsody."

"All I know is that it was a hell of a difficult task to convince those actors to radically bang their heads take after take," said Spheeris. "Myers kept saying he was getting a headache. Oh well, a \$115 million headache. I think he feels better now."

During the production of "Wayne's World," Queen's lead singer Freddie Mercury died from AIDS-related pneumonia.

"There was a question as to whether it would be appropriate to use the song," said Spheeris. "The general conclusion was that it would be a



(Above) The members of the rock band Queen are, from left, John Deacon, Brian May, Roger Taylor and the late Freddie Mercury.
Photo Courtesy of Warner Communications

(Left) Garth, played by Dana Carvey, left, and Wayne, played by Mike Myers, in a scene from "Wayne's World."
Photo Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

salute to him."

The remaining members of Queen are guitarist Brian May, bassist John Deacon and drummer Roger Taylor.

After the release of "Wayne's World," Myers was upset about English press criticisms over the use of "Bohemian Rhapsody" in the movie. According to Spheeris, "Brian May sent a letter saying they fully supported the use of the song, and recently I saw Brian and he told me personally that the band loves the use of the song in the film."

The song's inclusion in "Wayne's World" also touched the hearts of many people who remember Queen in

the early years. Spheris' agent, Richard Arlook, was one of them.

"I attended an early test screening a couple days after Freddie Mercury died," said Arlook. "Hearing the song so close to his death was touching and sad."

People who weren't fans of Queen before have now opened their eyes to a great band.

Jack Gilfofy, IUPUI music professor and drummer for musician Henry Mancini, was introduced to Queen recently by his teenage daughter.

"I wasn't really aware of any rock 'n' roll groups that had advanced harmonies and quality voices," said

Gilfofy. "My daughter said, 'Dad, haven't you ever heard of Queen?'"

After listening to them closely, Gilfofy had to agree.

"Within the past few months it was a revelation for me to pay attention to Queen," said Gilfofy. "You can't find many rock 'n' roll singers who get into advanced harmonies and blend well."

Due to the movie "Wayne's World," Gilfofy said, Mancini was inspired to write a symphonic chart for "Bohemian Rhapsody."

"In a few months I'll be playing 'Bohemian Rhapsody,'" said Gilfofy. The song has seen three months of heavy airplay on WZPL, and is still in good standing on The Hot Nine At Nine, which proves that the listeners still love "Bohemian Rhapsody." As disc jockey Jeff Lewis put it, "It will be around forever, unlike a lot of other songs. It's a classic!"

'Class Act' mixes new music, brash humor with positive message

■ Movie challenges high school focus on popularity by saying school can be cool.

By MIKE THOMAS
Sagamore Staff Writer

Yo, Yo, Yo. Kid 'N Play are in 'da house! So get in the mix with some fly clothes and go see a flick that's hype!

If you understand the above statement, run to your nearest theater and catch the new Warner Brothers release, "Class Act," starring those classy rappers, Kid 'N Play (Christopher Reid and Christopher Martin).

With three albums, "2-Hype," "Fun-house" and "Face the Nation," two "House Party" movies, a Saturday morning cartoon and a Marvel comic devoted to their adventures, this comedic duo is showing no sign of slowing down.

This movie is for the young and young-at-heart. Combining the newest music with the brash humor, "Class Act" reflects the interests of youth culture today.

Reid stars as a high school senior, Duncan Funderhuges — a brainy nerd in every sense of the word. Martin plays Blade. Brown — a tough homebody from the ghetto. When their school records are switched, each tries to live the identity of the other, and in the process learns a valuable lesson about life.

The adventure begins when Blade, who has to go to school to break free from his reform school past,

threatens Duncan and forces him to help him ace all his classes. Decking him out in new clothes, hair and a gold tooth, Blade changes this brainy nerd into a "money" individual. Duncan learns what it's like to be a cool dude, while Blade must cope

with being intellectually gifted. Though this movie is light-hearted and should not be taken seriously, there is a positive underlying message.

"It addresses the idea of teenagers learning from each other," director Randall Miller told Warner Brothers. "Blade learns he can still be cool by going to school. And conversely, Duncan is able to step out of his sheltered existence."

Characters like Wedge (Lamont Johnson), a high-tempered bully; Popsicle (Doug E. Doug), the class clown; and Dumita (Alysa Rogers), Wedge's girlfriend, portray humorous high school students focus on their appearance and popularity.

Those of you familiar with the MTV character Pauley Shore will be happy to see him and his wild vocabulary making a "stone" appearance.

"Class Act" is certainly not on its way to winning an Oscar — but who cares? Grab your friends, buy some popcorn and have a good time with this one.



Kid, left, and Play switch high school identities in their new summer release, "Class Act."

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'Patriot Games' focuses too much on action; not enough on plot

Harrison Ford gets back into the action in the first of a trilogy of Tom Clancy films.

By **ELISHA MCCULLOH**
Sagamore Staff Writer

Harrison Ford has starred in six of the most successful motion pictures of all time, but has yet to win an Academy Award, though he was nominated for Best Actor for "Witness."

He may not be an Academy Award winner yet, but he is certainly a crowd pleaser. And he would prove a worthy nominee for an award for stars doing much of their own stunt work.

Though the plot and dialogue in "Patriot Games" doesn't give him an opportunity to show the best of his acting ability, it offers Ford a chance to prove once again his ability to perform in a demanding action role.

Just like Jack Ryan - the character he plays in this film - Ford really thrusts himself into the action, as usual, even orchestrating much of his own stunt work.



The Ryan family is thrust into battle with an Irish terrorist group while vacationing in London, in the film version of Tom Clancy's "Patriot Games."

a flat character driven solely by hatred. Several acts of terrorism are shown with little explanation to tie them into the plot.

One scene in particular seems to be included solely for the purpose of adding a little steam and bare skin to the otherwise tame film.

Ryan's character also seems motivated purely by emotion. "It was rage; pure rage," he explains when asked why he risked his life to help the royal family. "(The terrorists) just made me mad."

Ryan's wife Cathy (Anne Archer) reacts from the heart as well. At first she is not at all pleased with Jack's heroism, which lands him in the hospital.

"You're alive; I forgive you," she tells him in response to his apology. "Otherwise..."

But she changes her tune when the struggle becomes more personal and intense.

Anne Archer shows once again why she was nominated for an Academy Award for her role in "Fatal Attraction." Here again she plays the smart, tough wife of the victimized male; and all-around great mother protecting the precocious and lovable daughter.

These two characters could have been cut from the same cloth, which may be why Archer was chosen for this role.

Hey, if something works, why not stick with it?

Of course, Alec Baldwin worked well in the role of Jack Ryan in "The Hunt for Red October," the first film based on a Tom Clancy novel. But Baldwin turned down the role this time.

But Ford is a great replacement, and should prove a strong drawing card for the trilogy.

Thora Birch of "All I want for Christmas" and "Paradise" stars as young Sally Ryan. She won the 1989 Youth in Film Award, and her experience and ability show in this movie.

Mace Neufeld, producer of "The Hunt for Red October" and "No Way Out" teamed with Robert Rehme, producer of "Mask," and "The Breakfast Club," on this film. They are currently developing Tom Clancy's "Clear and Present Danger," the second of three films based on Tom Clancy novels to star Harrison Ford as CIA analyst Jack Ryan.

The ending scene of "Patriot Game" provides them a tidy - though rather trivial - lead-in for the next episode.

Hopefully the next episode will stick more closely to the novel, and pay more attention to plot development.



Ted Anasni, Mike Zelenko and Jim Ellison follow steps of REM and Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Material Issue releases album with pop, jingle-jangle mix

Chicago trio's new pop album is an instant masterpiece; sure to be a hit on all the pop-radio stations.

By **DARREN JACKSON**
Sagamore Staff Writer

When a band releases a debut album that does fairly well, critics and fans alike wait to see if the success of their follow-up album will match.

Material Issue's first album, *International Pop Overthrow*, sported two top-five singles on the College Music Journal's (CMJ) modern-rock-singles chart: "Valerie Loves Me" and "Diane." The album itself sold 200,000 copies.

The Chicago-based trio has toured with the Soup Dragons and Simple Minds, sold out the Rosy in Los Angeles and has made several television appearances including "Into the Night" and "Party Machine."

With these notches in their holster, Material Issue might have set themselves up for failure with the release of anything short of a pop masterpiece. But a pop masterpiece is just what they delivered.

Destination Universe is a wonderful blend of poppy, jingle-jangle, happy-go-lucky tunes in the same fashion as *International Pop Overthrow*.

As a matter of fact, this album probably has more pop-hooks than Kasey Casem's tackle box.

The first single and opening track of the album, "What

Girls Want," picks up where "Valerie Loves Me" ended. Material Issue's last album contained four out of 14 songs with girls' names in the titles.

Though there are no girls' names in the song titles this time, in "What Girls Want" Ellison sings, "I want love, I want drugs, I want sex and affection/ I want everyone in this room here to look in my direction/ I want a man with lips just like Mick Jagger/ Rod Stewart's hair and Keith Richards' stagger/ That's what girls want."

The rest of the album experiments with various pop flavors like backward guitar, sitar, REM-flavored twang, and other gimmicks utilized by the band and co-producer Jeff Murphy.

Material Issue could easily be categorized as the next big college band if it weren't for the fact that the album has such a pop feel to it.

It is highly probable that a single from this album will reach mainstream radio play. It is as if they are following the footsteps of REM and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and doing so in less than one-fourth the albums it took those bands to reach mainstream success.

Claiming influences like the Beatles, Aerosmith and Sweet, it isn't a wonder they're bound for commercial success.

And oh, they do so well.

MUSIC REVIEW
BAND: Material Issue
ALBUM: *Destination Universe*
PRODUCER: Mercury Records
RECOMMENDATION: Buy it

MOVIE REVIEW
FILM: *Patriot Games*
STARS: Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Thora Birch
DIRECTOR: Phillip Noyce
OPENING: Now playing
RECOMMENDATION: See it

Paramount Pictures went all-out to make the stunts and settings believable. The picture was filmed on location of the CIA headquarters - a first for the movie industry - and at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

This time Ryan enters the action by accident; it may call an act of heroism accidental. In one of the few scenes that actually sticks closely to Clancy's novel, the story begins when Ryan thwarts a terrorist attack against British and white vacationing in London with his family.

In the process, Ryan kills an Irish teen, angering the boy's brother Sean (Sean Miller), who then becomes obsessed with the desire to avenge his brother's death.

The rest of the movie is mostly an extended chase, with the Ryan family doing most of the running. Unfortunately, most of the plot is predictable, offering no clever twists or psychological sparring between the enemies.

The film misses an opportunity to delve into the motive of the Irish terrorist group which causes anguish to the Ryan family. Sean is reduced to

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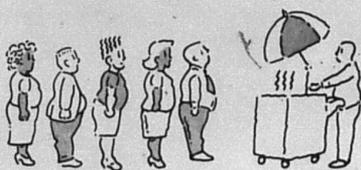
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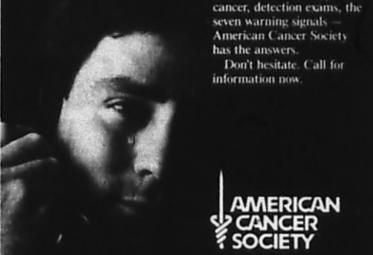
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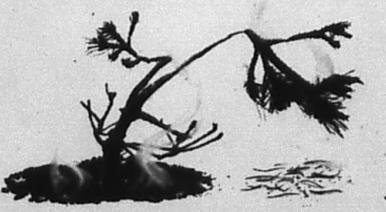
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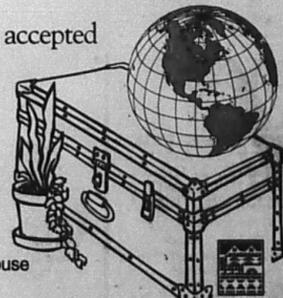
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Polka-dot the clown, one of many volunteers working with Riley Hospital for Children, gives a burton to a young visitor whose mother was attending the second annual Riley Cancer Survivor's Day. The event was designed to celebrate the success of Riley's pediatric cancer research and treatment programs.

The Wind Beneath Their Wings

Story and Photos
By AMY MAY
Sagamore Staff Writer

Colleen Thon is a survivor. Sarcoma, a form of bone cancer, invaded her body 14 years ago and cost her right leg, halfway above the knee. "My stomach was in knots

during the treatment and for six months afterward," she said. All of her treatment was done at Riley Hospital for Children, and now, she is in total remission and has no fear of her illness ever returning.

Although the cancer is gone from her body, it still remains in her mind. She volunteers as a co-facilitator of a support group for families and friends of cancer victims. Her reason is very personal.

When Thon was pursuing her BS in education at Purdue University, her best friend died of cancer.

That was when she became involved with Candlelighters of Central Indiana.

Candlelighters is a support network for the families and friends of young people with cancer. Their motto, "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," is illustrated in the goals the group sets for itself:

- To link parent to parent, family to family;
- To ease frustrations and fears through the sharing of experiences;
- To exchange information on research, treatment, medical institutions and community resources;
- To provide guidance in coping with childhood cancer's effects on children, families and siblings; and
- To be an emotional support system of "second families" for each other. Candlelighters, based in Washington, D.C.,

Support groups raise spirits of children undergoing cancer treatments at Riley Hospital

lobbies Congress on areas of concern to cancer-stricken families, such as better insurance and more research money from the federal government, said Bob Carson, a representative of the local chapter.

"But the support of the parents and helping them with their problems is our main goal. Candlelighters is a good place to get fears relieved," he added.

The group meets monthly for information sessions, discussions, parties or family activities. Riley staff often join them.

Candlelighters and Riley joined forces last Saturday to host the second annual "Riley Cancer Survivor's Day." The day was an all-volunteer effort to celebrate the successes of the pediatric cancer research and treatment program at the hospital.



Mary Blakeburn is a volunteer with L.S. Ayres department store ornament project. Last year, the project earned \$23,000 for cancer research.

The day began with a pizza lunch, donated by T.D. Alibi's, on the Riley patio.

Then, everyone was invited across the street to the School of Nursing building for group sessions and lectures on insurance, the late effects of cancer and other topic-based discussions.

Face painting and clowns were available for the children, while L.S. Ayres and Riley Hospital offered items for sale to the parents.

Thon sold T-shirts with the Riley Cancer Research for Children logo emblazoned on them.

The funds from these shirts go straight over to Riley to the research department," said Thon.

The L.S. Ayres Ornament Project, which sells Christmas decorations donated by the department store, has raised \$23,000 this year

for Riley, as well.

Sherry Amlung, president of the Indiana chapter of the project, said 100 percent of the money goes to Riley research.

The doctors can request money for specific items, such as a new machine, and the group buys it for the hospital, as well as paying for the year-round maintenance of it, she added.

All of the events of the day came about through the efforts of volunteers, said Sally McClain, a recreational therapist at Riley.

"Office Supplies donated the pencils for the pinwheels and I made them and the paper flowers," she said.

"It's been fun and rewarding, but nerve-racking and busy."

Raymond Harding, a member of the local Kiwanis Club, considers himself a "freelance volunteer."

Harding served pizza and sack lunches to more than 100 people who attended the event. "I just like to help out where I can, where I'm the most needed," he said.

Thon volunteers her time and experience to the bereavement support group, which is for families who have lost loved ones.

"The group is not just for people who have lost someone to cancer, but for anyone who has had a tragedy," she said.

There are also groups that offer counseling to the survivors of cancer.

"Anyone who has had cancer and is still alive counts as a 'cancer survivor,'" she said.

Anyone who does have cancer, or knows someone who does, is welcome to call the Central Indiana Candlelighters hotline at (317) 726-7249, said Carson. The caller can get information about support groups in specific areas.

"A lot of people don't know about these groups, but they really can work," said Thon. "It really helped me a lot when I needed it."